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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Apple, K. S.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner Apple:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 27, 2006.

Restriction to one of the following species has been required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Species I: Private equity valuation product (claims 1 - 20) based on public and private data.

Species II: Private equity valuation method (claims 21 - 27) based on time-period data.

Species III: Private equity valuation method (claims 28 - 34) based on fund raising round accessed value.

Species IV: Private equity valuation method (claims 35 - 42) based on correlations between index value and performance of private equity investments.

Applicants respectfully elect **without traverse species I, claims 1 - 20**. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims further, or similar ones, in the instant or subsequently filed patent applications.

A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time is submitted concurrently herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee, as well as any other required fees, to Deposit Account, **No. 06-1448** (reference **PET-001.01**). The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-832-1000.

Respectfully submitted,

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